



**PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT**

**Circular Note No. P/001/23**

**Subject: Temporary Closure of Global Gate Import System**

The Chief of State Protocol of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to the Heads of the Diplomatic and Consular Missions and the International Organizations in Israel and has the honor to convey the following information concerning the temporary closure of the Global Gate (Sha'ar Olami) Export System:

During the period between 12 January 2023 (06:00) – 15 January 2023 (08:00), the Global Gate Import system will be temporarily down due to the launch of the new export system that is expected to take place on 15 January 2023.

The release of goods from Customs during the specified period will only be possible for exceptional cases or emergencies, such as shipments of fresh fruit and vegetables; animals; urgent medications; radioactive materials; fresh fish and the like.

Customs agents have been instructed as to how to operate in these special circumstances.

Embassies and diplomatic missions are kindly requested to contact Customs in advance in order to attain a special permit for exceptional or emergency shipments expected to arrive during this period.

The Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Diplomatic and Consular Missions in Israel the assurances of its highest consideration.

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